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## **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend previously amended paragraph [0026] as follows:

The smart card chip has a variables memory area reserved for global variables which is reserved in the volatile working memory, for example in RAM. Accesses to the volatile working memory are fast, and the use of the volatile working memory moreover spares the nonvolatile application memory, in particular EEPROM or a flash memory. Thus, the chip according to claim 1 permits an access to the global variables that is simple, fast and gentle on the chip.